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## Bureau of Special Education FY'16 Memo #13

Date: October 30, 2015

To: Superintendents

Special Education Directors

From: Office of the Commissioner of Education

Division of Educational Improvement

Bureau of Special Education

RE: Bookshare In Depth Professional Development Workshop

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE), Bureau of Special Education is sponsoring "Bookshare In-Depth Professional Development" training with Amy Peterson from Bookshare.

When: Tuesday, November 24, 2015

8:15am - 4:15pm (lunch on your own)

Where: **Department of Education – Rm 15** 

**Suggested Attendees:** special education directors, special education teachers who work with students who have print disabilities, related services professionals who support students with print disabilities

Workshop Objectives: the program will enable participants to:

- Describe Bookshare and its eligibility criteria and membership options
- Utilize the Bookshare tools to ensure collaboration with students and parents
- Access and search the Bookshare library for textbooks and literary options
- Use the Bookshare online tools to manage users and generate reports
- Download digital accessible materials and transfer the files to e-reader technology tools
- Incorporate the varied technology platforms that Bookshare provides

And will provide attendees with the following knowledge and skills:

- Applicable federal and state laws
- Diversity and special needs of student populations
- Collaboration with students
- Increasing and maintaining parental involvement
- Diagnosing and removing obstacles to student achievement
- Instructional techniques
- Integration of technology into educational practices

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## RSVP:

Please contact Barbara Raymond at <u>Barbara.Raymond@doe.nh.gov</u> by **Friday, November 6, 2015. Registration is limited to 20 people. Participants must bring a laptop**. Once registered, you will receive a follow-up confirmation letter which will provide information you need to download onto your laptop prior to the training.

## **About the Presenter:**

Amy Peterson, is a Researcher in the Education program area at American Institutes for Research. Over the past five years Ms. Peterson has supported technical assistance, communication, and training efforts focused on response to intervention (RTI), intensive intervention, implementation fidelity, selecting and implementing evidence-based practices, data-based decision making, accessible instructional materials, early warning systems, and dropout prevention. She has conducted presentations and trainings with special educators, assistive technology specialists, teachers of the visually impaired, general education teachers, principals, district administrators, teacher educators, and state staff. Ms. Peterson graduated from St. Lawrence University and received her M.A. in Education Policy from The George Washington University.

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